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CPRS, TN, US, CA
SUBJECT: ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF JOHN HERBERT MEIER
AKA IVOR A. ROBERTSON
REF: A) CANBERRA 5762
B) WELLINGTON 3792

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INFORMED US THAT EXTRADITION PAPERS CAN BE PREPARED ASAP AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO
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AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS (I.E., BY HAND TO HAND WITH ASSISTANCE OF AIRLINE PERSONNEL, IF NECESSARY). AS SOON AS PAPERS ARE READY FOR DELIVERY TO AUSTRALIA, POST WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY.

2. ALTHOUGH MEIER MAY HAVE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP

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WITH KING OF TONGA, WE DO NOT FEEL ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF MEIER WOULD LEAD TO RETALIATION BY HIS MAJESTY AGAINST EITHER GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA OR USG. KING IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE THAT MEIER IS UNDER INDICTMENT IN US FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS. WHILE HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO MEIER MAY CAUSE KING SOME EMBARRASSMENT IF THE FORMER IS ARRESTED, WE BELIEVE GREATER DAMAGE MAY RESULT IF MEIER IS PERMITTED TO GO FREE AND CONTINUE TO OPERATE HIS TONGAN BANK.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR WELLINGTON: AS SOON AS ARREST IS MADE SUGGEST AMBASSADOR SELDEN INFORM HIS MAJESTY BY MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS THAT MEIER SUBJECT TO ARREST IN AUSTRALIA AND EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES FOR STIPULATED VIOLATIONS. MESSAGE SHOULD MAKE IT PLAN THAT WE ARE INFORMING HIS MAJESTY OF MEIER'S ARREST AS A COURTESY, AND THAT WE ARE DOING SO BECAUSE OF THE HIGH VALUE WE PLACE IN MAINTAINING CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE KINGDOM OF TONGA. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION TO THE KING WOULD JEOPARDIZE ARREST AND EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS IN ANY WAY. ANSWER TO QUESTIONS REF B PARA 5 IS AFFIRMATIVE.

4. FOR CANBERRA AND SYDNEY: JUSTICE HOPES ARREST CAN BE MADE IN AUSTRALIA AND NOT JAPAN, WHERE MEIER CANNOT BE EXTRADITED. VANCE

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